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II. Amendments to the Drawings

A replacement sheet of drawings include changes to Figure 1 is attached. Specifically, a second compliant member has been added to resonator 19 in Figure 1.

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III. Remarks

Claims 1-9 and 11-27 and 29-37 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 5, 8, 14, 15, 21, 26, 28, 32, and 33 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 11, 12, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29 and 30 have been amended. No new claims have been added.

Objections to Drawings

The drawings have been objected to for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicants have amended Figure 1 to overcome this objection. More specifically, a second compliant member has been added to resonator 19 in Figure 1.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5, 11, 23, 25 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Claim 5 has been cancelled. Applicants assert that the claim amendments have overcome the aforementioned 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejections of claims 11, 23, 25 and 29.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 12-14, 16, 20, 21, 27, 30-32 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,600,408 issued to Walter et al. (Walter) in view of European Patent No. EP 0704617A1 issued to Demorest (Demorest).

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Claims 3, 4, 6, 17,-19 and 35-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Walter in view of Demorest as applied to claim 2 above, and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0144418A1 of Donald et al. (Donald).

Claims 11 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Walter in view of Demorest as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0124734A of Spannbaauer et al. (Spannbauer).

The Examiner has indicated that claims 8, 15, 26, and 33 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 8 and any intervening claims. Independent claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 15 and any intervening claims. Independent claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 26 and any intervening claims. Independent claim 30 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 33 and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, independent claims 1, 12, 20 and 26 are now patentable over the cited references. Applicants, respectfully request allowance of claims 1, 12, 20 and 26. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 16-19, 22, 23-25, 27, 29, 31, and 34-37 are dependent on one of claims 1, 12, 20 and 26 and, therefore, are patentable for at least the same reasons as given in support of independent claims 1, 12, 20 and 26.

SUMMARY

Pending claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11-13, 16-20, 22, 23-27, 29, 31 and 34-37 as amended are patentable. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner grant early allowance of these claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned

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attorneys for the Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

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